



Police and Fire Commission

City of Stevens Point
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David Schleih, President
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May 19, 2015
3:32 p.m.

1. **Roll Call:** Commissioners Carlson, Ostrowski, Schleih and Wescott
Commissioner Kirschling, excused

Also Present: Chief Martin Skibba, Chief Bob Finn, Mayor Mike Wiza, Alderperson Tony Patton, Alderperson Mary Kneebone, Assistant Chief Jeff Davis, Captain Jodi Baganz, City Attorney Logan Beveridge, Human Resource Manager Lisa Jakusz, Justin Thomson, Matt Zander, Ben Molnar, Dereck Matykowski, Lee Ann Spoon

2. Adjourn into closed session (approximately 3:30 p.m.) pursuant to Wis. Stats. Section 19.85 (1) (a) [deliberating concerning a case which was the subject of any judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing before that governmental body] **and** Wis. Stats. Section 19.85 (1) (d) [except as provided in s. 304.06(1) (eg) and by rule promulgated under s. 304.06(1) (em), considering specific applications of probation, extended supervision or parole, or considering strategy for crime detection or prevention], **and** Wis. Stats. Section 19.85 (1) (e) [deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session] for the following:
 - a. Fire Department grievance regarding Thomson/Heibler time trade denial
 - b. Update on Police Department bargaining
 - c. Discussion of the ESCI report as it relates to EMS contract negotiations with Portage County.
 - d. Capital improvements to PD facilities for the purposes of maintaining evidence security, witness/informant confidentiality, and personnel security.

Commissioner Wescott moved, seconded by Commissioner Ostrowski, to adjourn into closed session.

Ayes: Carlson, Ostrowski, Schleih, Wescott

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

3. Reconvene into open session for possible action.

Commissioner Schleihs moved, seconded by Commissioner Ostrowski, to reconvene into open session.

Ayes: Carlson, Ostrowski, Schleihs, Wescott

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Schleihs moved, seconded by Commissioner Ostrowski, to sustain Chief Finn's denial of the Thomson/Heibler time trade grievance.

Ayes: Carlson, Ostrowski, Schleihs, Wescott

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

4. Interim Assistant Chief of Police department salary and appointment

Commissioner Wescott moved, seconded by Commissioner Carlson, to appoint Tony Babl to Interim Assistant Chief effective May 19, 2015 and to move AC Babl to Grade O, Step 3 of the Management Pay Plan.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

5. Police Department facilities upgrades

Space and security concerns related to the Department's use of the PD facility continue to grow. Space needs were recently more defined through an assessment completed by Bray Architects in November of 2013. Various security matters were identified and categorized under Information, Witness, Victim, Suspect and Employee related issues.

Police personnel met to discuss and prioritize security and space issues. Portage County Facilities was then contacted and Chief Skibba received estimates to complete the work. The chief provided the commission with proposals for facility issues that can be addressed while this site remains the Police Department. Construction upgrades would begin in the fourth quarter of 2015.

Commissioner Wescott moved, seconded by Commissioner Carlson, to approve the proposal submitted by Chief Skibba and to forward the requests to the appropriate city committees as soon as possible and to fund the upgrades as requested.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

6. Notification of retirement in Fire Department effective May 27, 2015

Commissioner Wescott moved, seconded by Commissioner Schleihs, to accept the retirement of Charles Skibba and recognize and thank him for his 37 years of dedicated service to the City of Stevens Point. The commission directs Chief Finn to finalize an eligibility list to present to the commission at their June 16th meeting, as well as have three candidates available on the 16th to interview for the available FF/Paramedic positions.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.